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(At Home Thursday mornings,  
or by appointment)

10.2.1907

Dearest!

You are really wonderful!  
all the time that we were  
corresponding re gnomes,  
nurses & temperatures you  
were doing this. It is excellent  
& what we wanted. I feel  
~~we~~ shall have a stiff job  
though, as movement grows  
after its initial conception &  
people will say & may say that  
this close defining is just what  
Lady Isabel & I. went off to  
a her faction. You remember

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~~they~~<sup>we</sup> said 'no shibboleth, no  
names or' & people may  
contend that any close defining  
of our position may clash  
with (b) in objects. Of course  
I don't think so & I am not sure  
that except you and any one  
is sufficiently keen in their  
objections to make any fuss.  
In fact except her I am  
pretty sure of carrying the  
Committee when I talk to them.  
For this reason I was sorry you  
did not give me an opportunity  
of receding as to whether the  
statement should go round to the  
members of the Committee first.  
There are so many as who are  
nice names & never do anything  
(F. Steinthal &c) that it is very



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had lines that objections should  
be raised by those who never  
would take the trouble to  
attend a Committee. What  
I got the vice first things  
would have been different.  
Miss Amped telephoned  
for instructions, but curiously  
my letter with statement  
only arrived at 10 after she  
had talked to me & I  
consequently judged that you  
had purposely sent instructions  
to her & did not like to  
alter them — Had I had  
mine by first post & been  
able to read it before giving my  
decision I should have written  
to you — It is the last day  
for sending out Summaries to Committee

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to you think you could  
at your leisure !! send me  
Chapter & verse for each principle  
I think with that one could  
make out the course of  
reading & lecturing.  
I shall find it also most  
useful in working out a  
lecture on our principles

Re Schools. The whole  
thing is most simple but.  
(my hand is tired so I dictate)  
Please do not print anything without  
letting me see it first.

My idea is that you should send  
out again "Suggestions" to all schools  
who seemed interested in it & responded to



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the last, & to those on the list I made  
out with you, & to any others that may  
occur to us. I know several more.  
With it you should issue the exact terms  
on which you would admit schools. —  
I think we discussed this pretty fully,  
viz. fee, test of one child in each  
class, promise to make use of books  
& work set in all subjects except  
languages, science & mathematics, for  
which they would be entitled to be called  
P.N.E.U. schools, we guaranteeing that

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the teaching is on these lines, though  
we take no responsibility as to  
anything else with regard to the schools.

I believe that if you would only  
do this we should get twenty before the  
year is out, & I know this would be  
a measure according to your own  
heart. After all, Miss Gayford,  
Miss Hesbitt & Miss Ambler are three,  
& I never speak at any meeting or  
meet any new member without being  
asked what schools work on these lines.  
Miss Brodie, a Welsh lady, a Yorkshire  
lady & a Hurstaston man, & a Miss  
Bertram in Sussex would follow next,  
& I am not sure that Miss Douglas &  
Miss Thompson here would not do the same.



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I feel loath to put any more work on you, but I think this would be a question of only a few hours' work & is one that really only concerns you and me.

Yours

Netter

P.S. We have had to alter quite twelve of the names put in. I find you have no list of the present executive. The one published in the 1903 Report is, of course, for the year ending May 1903. Most of the Branch

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Representatives are different, & a good many other members of the Committee have changed.

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11. 2 - 4.

Dear Mrs. Mason.

Thank you for sending me the  
letters. I do not think it would be  
well to change for Mrs. Hammond.  
I hardly think this is the kind of  
work she would like best, & any  
engagement with her would not have  
the elements of permanency.  
Moreover, I think she has many of  
the qualities & also of the defects of

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Mrs. Heath, & that I should not be  
doing much for Olive in changing for  
her. Thank you for letting me  
see both letters.

I hope to hear from Mr. Beckett  
soon; she has not yet joined.

Yours  
Fetter



TELEPHONE.  
No 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

17. 2. 1904

Dearest!

I am very tired & can only  
send you a line. I rearranged  
the com: for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour, read  
your letters & the thing is  
done. Associates (under  
diff: name) & deep  
"gratitude for a py in  
statement" — Mrs Clement  
Parsons thought it the best  
thing we had ever had.  
This was Com: present.

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Dr Schopie most delighted

Mrs Anson looked like a deathhead  
objected & wanted us to consult Mr  
Satter & her mother & knew up Cooper  
Mrs Whitaker Thompson we'd not  
Silent have  
appeared.

Mrs Stirling

Mrs Clement Parsons approved  
most warmly

Mrs Rawnsbottom sceptical

Mrs Snow objects to exams

Mrs Webb

Mrs Rayner

Mrs Herbert Smith

Mrs Hursand } high school mistress  
Reading series:  
took Home. and every  
one saw one copy!  
I felt no great ignorance

but most delighted —

I will send details to —  
moments —

Since schools already  
Underhill  
Nesbit

I agreed of the 3 you mentioned

Let me know at once what  
your request took  
we must write to others.

The enclosed is an  
interesting human document



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Yours ever

H. H. H.

H. H. H. ! ! !

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TELEPHONE,  
No 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

8.3.1957

Dearest!

Many thanks for your  
letter.  
You will do 'Confessio' with  
an introductory statement ready  
for next committee (March 16<sup>th</sup>)  
won't you? This is just a then

Brooks. I do not quite  
understand about the memorial  
and I to communicate with  
Kegan Paul as you?  
I wish the Pandolopist had arrived



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but it may be second post -  
Mrs Whyte is coming to lunch  
& I could talk it over with  
her.

I am so glad you are better  
& shall look for all news  
from B. P. — By the way  
I have invested in a type -  
writer so can have any  
work done for you that you  
may want -

I have decided to part  
with Mrs Ogden. She is a

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nice woman & a good nurse  
as far as she goes but she  
& I cannot I foresee run  
over in double harness.

She thinks we are all in  
darkness & need her  
guidance. She may be right but  
naturally I don't see it -  
She cannot grasp big  
principles & therefore one's  
daily criticism becomes  
nagging which we do.  
It is a horrid nuisance  
fact.



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still for her sake she had  
better go where her management  
which is much better than  
that of most nurses will  
be valued & not depreciated

Yours with love  
Hester

By the bye I want to tell you that we  
are getting to like Miss Heath better.  
She herself feels Miss Sweeton's loss  
whom she thought wonderful in her  
management & tact & "pretty" ways  
She is rising to the scratch & trying  
to help Olive & Cyril over a bad  
time. Olive told me I am getting to like  
Miss Heath, she is one of the people  
who want "running". If only her  
appearance were better. I know



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No 212 PADDINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

it is hopeless as it is hereditary  
as many of my friends remark  
his people at employment I heard  
& say that her mother though very  
nice was appalling in her  
clothes.

The other  
night I & Mrs. Grant &  
Mrs. Day (new headmistress of  
new St Pauls School for girls)  
dined here & I had to make  
an excuse not to have her in  
as ~~business~~ I felt I could  
not introduce her as a  
H. of Ed. student.



has Miss Sweetman managed him & loves  
to try. He is very fond of her but I don't  
want him at 5 to be separated  
from his baby - I hope I shall  
be settled by the Conference.

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NO. 212 PADDOINGTON.

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

20. 3. 1907

Yours Netta

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Dearest!

You shall have the  
"Reading course" back to -  
know - Mrs Clement Parsons  
has it just now. It wants  
revising by you. May I again say  
what was perhaps not quite  
clear that I presumed the  
Pub. circular is to be  
printed by them & that  
we are to have 3000 -  
Mrs Cl. Parsons thinks

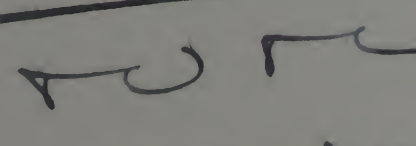
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those excellent quotations  
which head the "confessio"  
would gain in price if the  
author was omitted. She says  
it is not a fashionable habit  
among female novelists to  
head their chapters by  
quotations from obscure writers  
& that we should gain  
by not appearing to "credit"  
your opinion please!

I wish you had heard  
her yesterday when I showed

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her the finished thing. "This  
is really perfect, it is  
the whole educational  
philosophy one wants,  
it is the gem & heart  
of all her writings except  
"Books" "So-called  
"ourselves"

Science of Rel. : & "ourselves"  
What help ~~the~~ all eyes  
Mrs's parents deep notes  
to the mother compared  
with this  —  
She thinks you have grown  
developed & improved in



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thought & style since then so:  
was intense, a very unusual  
quality for one who is past  
giving pains" & who might  
be expected to become stereotyped

"I am not very happy about  
the Nurse. She is just a good  
nurse who is willing to follow  
orders but has no interest  
apparently beyond the dressing  
washing & feeding. I shall

Keep her a bit for Michael  
but have hopes that Miss  
Silverhouse may soon be free as  
John is getting on. Miss Heath  
is very nice with Cyril & keeps on  
she says. She says she has watched

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PORCHESTER TERRACE  
HYDE PARK W

30.5.1905

Dearest!

Your scheme is wonderful but  
it is too sudden. I feel that  
to do something with it we  
must talk it over first.  
as it happens you & you ..  
you want a few other "intellectuals"  
like Baines, Boser, you  
Parvin (A Parvin was coming to  
then meet). Perhaps  
if you feel up to it I would get  
you want to come early &  
see you first. I had thought of  
that already. I believe & always  
have believed that you should try it



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Send an occasional big gun.  
a few words from you do more  
than all our ~~talking~~ <sup>93</sup> <sup>94</sup> but  
not socially, business.  
~~Just~~ If you see him & converse  
with him we would get a big  
influential set (say 20)  
in the autumn, but was it  
would be hurried & unwise  
because we are unprepared  
& haven't anything ready.

~~I am~~ ~~also~~ moreover it would  
tie you for money. I will ask  
you to stay to Saturday  
your loving  
Yeta

203/pnc472  
50 Prochester House  
W.

28.1.1956

My Dearest:

Many thanks for your long letter  
I will look into School prospectus & send  
you my news to - now & also comment  
on that very encouraging Liverpool letter.

I found the letter. Miss Ketching did not  
enclose acceptances I am hoping to see it.  
~~So much depends on it.~~ I am so unhappy

because in a previous letter you told me  
that Canon Lyttleton had written sympathetically  
I ~~had~~ <sup>am and</sup> not mark this private - So in my

usual pride when you work is appreciated  
I told the com. just that fact. Of - course  
that means nothing - Miss Rennie did

not get to me and I to her owing to fog but  
Miss Ampfield reports her as most kind &  
likely to start branches both at Keshwater  
& G. York.

I am indeed complimented by your asking  
me to be a trustee. I should love it but it is



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unless my 'taking advice' until it is  
put into a solicitor's hand - so may it just  
go on. It is to a very important point.

I hear tell that Mr. Quant is probably  
going to Colonial office & Mr. Sadler going  
to Education office. Mr. Quant ~~was~~  
hardly, under his own education act; of -  
course his part was excellent, <sup>the</sup>  
religious ~~into the~~ was not due to him,  
with his views it need hardly be, but the  
political tactics pure & simple & had  
it has been ~~against~~ ~~these~~ responsible for it.

As regards ourselves & we must look to  
that first this means:

1. busy up with your private business  
so that your solicitor may get the  
advice of Mr. Quant as his <sup>superior</sup> solicitor  
at once
2. ask Mr. Sadler up at once before  
this report if true comes out.  
I have always wanted you to have him  
up & Manchester is not far, do please  
do it now. This shows that we ought  
to get hold of all our friends, they may